

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Tokiwa, et al.  
Int'l Appl. No. : PCT/JP2003/013018  
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For : TYROSINASE ACTIVITY  
CONTROLLING AGENT,  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
THE SAME AND EXTERNAL  
PREPARATION CONTAINING  
THE SAME  
Examiner : Unknown  
Group Art Unit : Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the present application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.